## The New Me . . . In Christ

My New Faith - Colossians 1:24-2:7 - p. 983

The "New Me" requires a "New Faith." Not faith in ourselves, not faith in religion, and not faith in faith. But a faith which leads to maturity. A faith worth proclaiming to others. A faith that is firm because it rests in Christ alone.

## Ministry – For the Sake of His Church (1:24-27)

Paul's Ministry

For others

Filling up what is lacking

Paul's Stewardship

Make known the Word of God

Make known the mystery of Christ in you

## **Proclamation – For the Sake of Maturity (1:28-29)**

Warning, teaching and presenting

Everyone

Mature in Christ

Toiling, struggling with His energy

## Struggle – For the Sake of Faith (2:1-7)

Be encouraged

Know the riches of Christ

Don't be deluded, be orderly and firm in faith

Walk in Him—rooted, built up, established, thankful

Next week – My New Identity (2:6-15)

Notice the past tense and the number of times we read "in Him" or "with Him." What do these observation tell us about our identity?